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FOR: TEMPORARY ABSORBABLE VENOUS OCCLUSIVE STENT AND SUPERFICIAL VEIN TREATMENT METHOD	)	

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U.S. Patent No. 6,638,293 of Makower et al. discloses techniques for blocking flow through blood vessels. Varicose vein treatment is mentioned. A variety of non-bio-absorbable embolic devices and embolic agents are described. Techniques for closing a lumen using electrical energy are also discussed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,904,703 of Gilson discloses an occluder made from a non-bio-absorbable polymeric foam.

U.S. Patent No. 6,676,971 of Goupil et al. discloses emobilic compositions that are provided with "degradable regions."

U.S. Patent No. 4,938,763 of Dunn et al. discloses a biodegradable polymer that can be used to make solid biodegradable implants for animals.

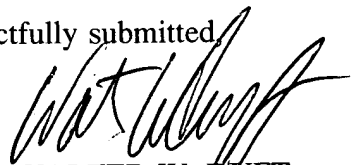
U.S. Patent No. 6,645,167 of Whalen, II et al. discloses an embolizing composition that is biodegradable.

U.S. Patent No. 6,585,754 of Wallace et al. discloses an absorbable implantable vaso-occlusive member for aneurism repair. Open-ended tubular coils are illustrated and discussed. Other shapes are mentioned but not illustrated. There is no mention of closure means.

U.S. Patent No. 5,425,367 of Shapiro et al. discloses a system for locating a catheter in a body using inductive elements in the catheter and an external probe.

U.S. Patent No. 4,173, 228 of Van Steenwyck et al. discloses another system for locating a catheter in a body using inductive elements in the catheter and an external probe.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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